

# Stable Project Matching in R

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We can use three packages in R to find a stable project matching based on the preferences of the consultants and projects leads. These packages are `DataComputing`, `matchingR` and `readxl`.

**STEP 1** Install the packages if you don't already have them

```
install.packages("DataComputing")
install.packages("matchingR")
install.packages("readxl")
```

**STEP 2** Load the packages

```
library(DataComputing)
library(matchingR)
library(readxl)
```

**STEP 3** Load the preference tables you exported from Access and convert Rank to be numeric

```
consultant_pref <- read_excel("Project_Rank Query.xlsx")#change path directory accordingly
consultant_pref$Rank <- as.numeric(consultant_pref$Rank)
plead_pref <- read_excel("Consultant_Rank Query.xlsx")#change path directory accordingly
plead_pref$Rank <- as.numeric(plead_pref$Rank)
plead_pref
```

```
## Source: local data frame [12 x 3]
##
##   Project_lead Consultant  Rank
##   (chr)      (chr) (dbl)
## 1      Mary      Justin    1
## 2      Mary Achilleas    2
## 3      Mary      Nicole    5
## 4      Mary      Matt     6
## 5      Mary      Taylor    4
## 6      Mary      Joao     3
## 7      Tejas      Justin    1
## 8      Tejas Achilleas    5
## 9      Tejas      Nicole    2
## 10     Tejas      Matt     3
## 11     Tejas      Taylor    4
## 12     Tejas      Joao     6
```

```
consultant_pref
```

```
## Source: local data frame [12 x 3]
##
##   Consultant Project_lead Rank
```

```
##      (chr)      (chr) (dbl)
## 1    Justin      Mary    1
## 2    Justin      Tejas    2
## 3      Matt      Mary    1
## 4      Matt      Tejas    2
## 5    Taylor      Mary    2
## 6    Taylor      Tejas    1
## 7    Nicole      Mary    1
## 8    Nicole      Tejas    2
## 9      Joao      Mary    2
## 10     Joao      Tejas    1
## 11 Achilleas      Mary    2
## 12 Achilleas      Tejas    1
```

**STEP 4** Wrangle the data in the following way to produce the following preference tables and create two tables `consultants` and `project_leads` which will contain the newly assigned ID and name for each group.

```
pref_plead <- spread(plead_pref, Project_lead, Rank)
pref_plead <- pref_plead[order(pref_plead$Consultant),]

pref_cons <- spread(consultant_pref, Consultant, Rank)
pref_cons <- pref_cons[order(pref_cons$Project_lead),]

project_leads <- cbind(unique(row.names(pref_cons)), pref_cons[,1])
colnames(project_leads) <- c("projectlead_id", "name")
project_leads$projectlead_id <- as.numeric(project_leads$projectlead_id)
consultants <- cbind(unique(row.names(pref_plead)), pref_plead[,1])
colnames(consultants) <- c("consultant_id", "name")
consultants$consultant_id <- as.numeric(consultants$consultant_id)

pref_cons <- pref_cons[,-1]
pref_plead <- pref_plead[,-1]
pref_plead
```

```
## Source: local data frame [6 x 2]
##
##      Mary Tejas
##      (dbl) (dbl)
## 1      2      5
## 2      3      6
## 3      1      1
## 4      6      3
## 5      5      2
## 6      4      4
```

```
pref_cons
```

```
## Source: local data frame [2 x 6]
##
##      Achilleas Joao Justin Matt Nicole Taylor
##      (dbl) (dbl) (dbl) (dbl) (dbl) (dbl)
## 1      2      2      1      1      1      2
## 2      1      1      2      2      2      1
```

```
consultants
```

```
##   consultant_id   name
## 1             1 Achilleas
## 2             2    Joao
## 3             3   Justin
## 4             4     Matt
## 5             5   Nicole
## 6             6   Taylor
```

```
project_leads
```

```
##   projectlead_id name
## 1             1  Mary
## 2             2  Tejas
```

**STEP 5** Use the `galeShapley.collegeAdmissions` function in the `matchingR` package to create a stable match.

```
n <- 3 # specify how many people can be assigned to each group
stable_match <- galeShapley.collegeAdmissions(pref_cons, pref_plead, slots = n,
                                              studentOptimal = TRUE)
```

**STEP 6** Using the output and the tables created earlier we can play with the data to make the results more readable

```
consultant_matches <- cbind(consultants, stable_match$matched.students)
consultant_matches <- left_join(consultant_matches, project_leads,
                               by = c("stable_match$matched.students" = "projectlead_id"))

consultant_matches_final <-
  consultant_matches %>%
  select(name.x, name.y) %>%
  rename(Consultant = name.x, Project_Lead = name.y)

project_lead_matches <- cbind(project_leads, stable_match$matched.colleges)
project_lead_matches <- project_lead_matches[,-1]
project_lead_matches <- gather(project_lead_matches, name, consultant_id)
project_lead_matches <- project_lead_matches[,-2]
colnames(project_lead_matches) <- c("Project_Lead", "consultant_id")

project_lead_matches_final <-
  project_lead_matches %>%
  left_join(consultants) %>%
  select(-consultant_id) %>%
  rename(Consultant=name) %>%
  arrange(Project_Lead)

## Joining by: "consultant_id"
```

**STEP 7** Print the final tables containing the stable project pairings

```
consultant_matches_final
```

```
##   Consultant Project_Lead
## 1  Achilleas      Mary
## 2    Joao        Mary
## 3   Justin      Tejas
## 4    Matt       Tejas
## 5   Nicole      Tejas
## 6   Taylor      Mary
```

```
project_lead_matches_final
```

```
##   Project_Lead Consultant
## 1      Mary    Taylor
## 2      Mary     Joao
## 3      Mary Achilleas
## 4     Tejas     Matt
## 5     Tejas   Nicole
## 6     Tejas    Justin
```